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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7305**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1101

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 27, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 22, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Broadband ready communities.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Koch

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Houchin

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Broadband Ready Communities Development Center (Center) within the Indiana Economic Development Corporation to facilitate certain communications projects. It provides that the Center may designate a unit of local government as a broadband ready community if the unit establishes a procedure to review applications and issue permits for the communications projects.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC)*- This bill establishes the Broadband Ready Communities Development Center within the IEDC to facilitate communications projects. The IEDC is additionally responsible for approving an application by a local unit and certifying a local unit as a broadband ready community under certain conditions established by the bill. The IEDC should be able to implement the bill's requirements within its current resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Units of Local Governments*- This bill establishes that each local unit (i.e., county, city, or town) may apply for certification as a broadband ready community. If approved, a local unit should be able to implement the bill's requirements of reviewing applications and issuing permits for communications projects within its current resources. A certified broadband ready community may not impose a fee to review an application or issue a permit for a project.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Units of local governments.

**Information Sources:**

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